

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP**

Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

7:00pm

**Due to precautions related to the present concerns related to COVID-19,
This meeting was conducted via zoom:**

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CALL TO ORDER: President Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman (President), Kelly Batten (Vice President), Sally Grigoriev (Treasurer), Katie Newbanks, Debbie Meyer. A quorum was met. Staff in attendance: Becky Lowndes, Eric McDonald. Guests included: Trevor Christensen, Tim Rohane, Brett Balaz, Denis Grady, Brian Kuck.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July, 2021. Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Kelly Batten to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

TREASURERS REPORT – Ms. Grigoriev.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None .

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Kaufman thanked everyone for attending. Attendees were reminded of meeting protocols. An update was given on the community garden that the 13 year old presented. The Ed Brown Center (EBC) was approached to host the project as a non-profit and also since they are required to offer intergenerational activities. EBC voted against hosting the project, even though the student would be providing all the volunteers, equipment and plants. EBC did not want to be responsible for water payments and they mentioned they had plans to utilize the area sometime in the future for fundraising activities.

CITY STAFF REPORT –

Becky Lowndes – Acting Area Manager: Becky announced there is staffing shortage in the department, which means cutbacks on hours the centers will be opened.

Eric McDonald - Recreation Center Director: Eric announced due to cutbacks, the center will

only be able to offer a drive by candy pick up for Halloween this year. He also mentioned field maintenance will take place in December after soccer has completed their season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – Ms. Kaufman announced there will be a joint CPI/CP2 meeting is set for Oct. 6

Community Council – Ms. Kaufman announced a successful pizza fun run in August. A successful safety fair earlier this month. The Board approved a letter that was sent to the Mayor and city council encouraging the use of recycled tires for sidewalks and roads, approved the annual financial review, appointed a student ad hoc committee.

Planning Board – Ms. Kaufman announced the Board did not meet in September. Approved a letter opposing the accessory dwelling units ordinance, presented information an ATT monopole that is being proposed on the corner of RB Rd and Pomerado Rd

Ed Brown Senior Center – Tim Rohane, President announced they had a good turnout for their reopening. They are focusing on adding new membership by offering more weekly activities for seniors. Jewish Family Services is still renting one of the office spaces and provides lunches at the center for seniors at a nominal fee. There will be a flu vaccination clinic October 1, 9 am through 12 pm and a San Diego Dementia presentation October 7, 1 pm through 4 pm. The center received a \$300K grant for solar panels on the building. The department has approved the use of Collective Sun for the solar panels.

Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club- Scott Davis was unable to attend, but provided the following report: Club membership is at 165, which is their limit. There is a waiting list of 80 people. The club has both ladies and men's league in the fall season. They are also holding off on any large events or socials due to current COVID concerns.

Dog Park – Ms. Kaufman reported trees are being watered, holes had been filled with fresh dirt and staff has requested the garbage cans be emptied on a more regular basis. Debbie Meyer commented the little dog pen is not being maintained and the grass needs to be cut.

Youth Sports – Brian Kuck, Brett Balaz and Denis Grady expressed concerns with cutbacks in the use of the gym for the 40 year old indoor basketball league. Eric McDonald will work with the league in attempts to accommodate the hours needed to use the gym.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Boy Scout Ian Park to Present Proposed Project: Ian introduced himself as a one year resident, originally living in Washington, DC. He also recently joined a local Scout Troop, presenting the idea of a 'free tennis ball library' by the off leash dog park pens for his Eagle Scout Project. Robin Kaufman approached him with the idea for his project. Members asked a few questions after his presentation. It was explained to Ian that he would need to work with staff in regard to obtaining a right of entry (ROE) from the City and also working with dig alert for the proper locations outside of the pens. Motion made Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyer to approve the project with Ian working with staff on the matter. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

102. Halloween Event Update: Robin Kaufman explained that due to COVID and the amount of paperwork involved, the ad hoc determined it would not be able to hold the event this year. Motion made Robin Kaufman/Sally Grigoriev to place this on hold until sometime in the future.

Motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Update on lawn bowling property: There are still no updates on the property at this time. The property has been locked up without any access to it since September, 2016.

202. Update on Future Events: Due to various staff cutbacks, some of our annual events may have to be cut back or cancelled.

WORKSHOP – none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center
18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego CA, 92127